STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES STATE LANDS DIVISION INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR TIMBER SALE ON CERTAIN STATE LANDS IN TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that sealed bids for the purchase and removal of timber will be received by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources until 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, January 13th, 2009 at which time all bids will be Building, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1901.

The timber made the subject of this notice is located on the following described lands:

Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, Township 20 South, Range 7 West; Section 6 North West quarter of the South East quarter, portions of the North East quarter of the South East quarter and portions of the South West quarter of the South East quarter, portions of the North West quarter of the South East quarter of the South East quarter, containing 108

VOLUMES:

The estimated timber volumes are as follows:

Pine Sawtimber 610 tons Pine Pulpwood 408 tons Hardwood Sawtimber 263 tons Hardwood Pulpwood 497 tons

Volumes are not guaranteed and all bidders must satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of estimated quantity.

TIMBER: The timber to be sold is all trees within the sale area. All external boundaries of the sale area are marked by yellow and blue paint.

<u>TERMS OF SALE:</u> Bids submitted must state the total amount of the cash bid for a 12-month contract. Each bid submitted must be accompanied by a <u>CERTIFIED or CASHIER'S</u> check representing a bid deposit in the amount of \$10,000.00. Bids submitted without such check will not be considered.

All bids submitted should be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "TUSCALOOSA COUNTY KELLERMAN TRACT TIMBER BID, NOT TO BE OPENED UNTIL 2:30 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 2009."

Unsuccessful bidder's deposits will be returned promptly. The successful bidder's deposit will be applied toward the purchase price, the balance of which must be paid at the time of execution of the timber sale agreement.

<u>CONTRACT TERMS:</u> Any sale shall be on the terms of the standard Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Timber Sale Agreement, and shall include the following:

- 1. The contractor must make provisions for access to the property.
- 2. The contractor will be required to post security for performance in the amount of \$10,000. The required security may be in the form of a certified check, an irrevocable letter of credit with a bank approved by the State Lands Division, or a surety bond with a company authorized to do business within the State of Alabama.
- 3. The contractor shall have 12 months from the date of contract execution in which to cut and remove the timber. At the time of contract execution, contractor shall have an option of payment of an additional ten percent (10%) of the bid price to extend the contract for an additional six-month period in which to cut and remove timber. If exercised, the option payment is due at the time of contract execution.
- 4. The successful bidder (if any) shall be required to pay the cost (approximately \$500.00) of advertising this invitation for bids.

The successful bidder must execute and return the contract to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources within ten days following the date of receipt; otherwise, the award may be deemed to have been withdrawn and the deposit forfeited to the State.

All laws of the State of Alabama concerning the sale of timber from state properties shall govern this sale whether or not included in this notice. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices.

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Persons desiring to inspect the timber or further information regarding this sale may contact the State Lands Division, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1901, or by telephone at (334) 242-3484.

M. Barnett Lawley, Commissioner Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

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